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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANT: Thomas Ohlsson GROUP ART UNIT: 3762
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TITLE: "INTERFACE UNIT FOR AN ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY
MEASUREMENT SYSTEM"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,488,530

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA is a recently issued patent naming the same inventor as the present application and assigned to the parent of the Assignee of the present application. This reference discloses an interface unit for an electrophysiological monitoring system similar to that disclosed in the present application, however, there is no disclosure, and no claiming, of a signal generator in Reference AA.

Since Reference AA has an effective date for prior art purposes as of its United States filing date on March 7, 2001, and since this date predates the filing date of the present application, Reference AA is, for the moment, prior art available against the subject matter of the present application. If the Examiner determines to make use of Reference AA as the basis for a rejection of any claim of the present

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application, Applicant will consider the various procedures available for precluding reliance on Reference AA.

A copy of Reference AA together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), and is accompanied by a check for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in the amount of \$180.00.

Applicant submits that all claims of the application are patentable over the teachings of Reference AA, taken singly or in combination with any of the other references of record.

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